#### **EXHIBIT B-023**

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IN RE:	)		DEPUTY CLERK SUPERIOR COURT FULTON COUNTY, GA
SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY	)	2022-EX-000024	
	)	Judge Robert C. I. M	cBurney

## PETITION FOR CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90 ET SEQ.

**COMES NOW** the State of Georgia, by and through Fani T. Willis, District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Fulton County, Georgia, and petitions this Honorable Court for a Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-92 et seq., and in support thereof says as follows:

- 1. A Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation commenced in Fulton County, Georgia, by order of this court on May 2, 2022. See Order Impaneling Special Purpose Grand Jury Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100, Et Seq, "Exhibit A". The Special Purpose Grand Jury is authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. See Letter Requesting Special Purpose Grand Jury, "Exhibit B".
- 2. Jenna Ellis, born November 1, 1984, (hereinafter, "the Witness") is a necessary and material witness to the Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation. Through both its investigation and through publicly available information, the State has learned that the Witness was an attorney for the Trump Campaign's legal efforts seeking to

influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere. As part of those efforts, on December 3, 2020, the Witness and other individuals known to be associated with both her and the Trump Campaign appeared publicly before the Georgia State Senate at the Georgia State Capitol in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia. At that hearing, witnesses provided testimony and documentary evidence purporting to demonstrate the existence of election fraud in multiple Georgia counties during the administration of the November 2020 election. Among the evidence offered by the witnesses was a video recording of election workers at State Farm Arena in Atlanta that purported to show election workers producing "suitcases" of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers. Within 24 hours of the December 3, 2020, legislative hearing, the Georgia Secretary of State's Office debunked the State Farm video and explained that its investigation revealed no voter fraud of any kind had taken place at State Farm Arena. Despite this, the Witness made additional statements claiming widespread voter fraud in Georgia during the November 2020 election. There is evidence that the Witness's appearance and testimony at the hearing was part of a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere.

3. Additionally, the Witness personally authored at least two legal memoranda to former President Donald Trump and his attorneys, including attorney Jay Sekulow, advising that Vice President Mike Pence should disregard certified electoral college votes from Georgia and other purportedly "contested" states during the Joint Session of the United States Congress on January 6, 2021. There is evidence that the Witness's

- drafting of these legal memoranda was part of a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere.
- 4. The Witness, as an attorney for the Trump Campaign's legal efforts seeking to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere, is a necessary and material witness in this investigation. The Witness possesses unique knowledge concerning the origin of numerous claims of election fraud alleged in legal filings and to the public by the Witness, former President Trump, the Trump Campaign, and other known and unknown individuals. Additionally, the Witness possesses unique knowledge concerning communications between herself, former President Trump, the Trump Campaign, and other known and unknown individuals involved in the multi-state, coordinated efforts to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere. Finally, the Witness's anticipated testimony is essential in that it is likely to reveal additional sources of information regarding the subject of this investigation.
- 5. The testimony of the Witness will not be cumulative of any other evidence in this matter.
- 6. The Witness resides outside the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court and is therefore unable to be served with process to compel attendance and testimony.
- 7. The Witness currently resides at 2171 Burbank Street, Berthoud, CO 80513.
- 8. The Witness will be required to be in attendance and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury on July 12, 2022, and continuing through and until the conclusion of the Witness's testimony on or before August 31, 2022.

- 9. The Office of the Fulton County District Attorney, in and for the State of Georgia, will pay all reasonable and necessary travel expenses and witness fees required to secure the Witness's attendance and testimony, in accordance with the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings. *See* O.C.G.A. §24-13-90 et seq.
- 10. If the Witness comes into the State of Georgia pursuant to this request, directing the Witness to attend and testify before the Special Purpose Grand Jury, the laws of this State shall give the Witness protection from arrest and from service of civil or criminal process, both within this State and in any other state through which the Witness may be required to pass in the ordinary course of travel, for any matters which arose before the Witness's entrance into this State and other states.
- 11. Both Georgia and Colorado have adopted the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings. *See* O.C.G.A. § 24-13-90; C.R.S. 16-9-201-205.

WHEREFORE, the State of Georgia, by and through Fani T. Willis, District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit, Fulton County, Georgia, prays that this Honorable Court issue a Certificate of Need for Testimony Before Special Purpose Grand Jury, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 24-13-92 et seq., certifying to the proper authorities in the jurisdiction in which the Witness is located that the Witness is a necessary and material witness whose attendance and testimony is required for the above-referenced Special Purpose Grand Jury investigation, and the presence of the Witness will be needed for the number of days specified above,

Respectfully submitted this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022,

FANI T. WILLIS DISTRICT ATTORNEY ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Atlanta Judicial Circuit
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### Exhibit A

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY

ORDER APPROVING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE GRAND JURY PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. §15-12-100, et seq.

The District Attorney for the Atlanta Judicial Circuit submitted to the judges of the Superior Court of Fulton County a request to impanel a special purpose jury for the purposes set forth in that request. This request was considered and approved by a majority of the total number of the judges of this Court, as required by O.C.G.A. §15-12-100(b).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a special purpose grand jury be drawn and impaneled to serve as provided in O.C.G.A. § 15-12-62.1, 15-12-67, and 15-12-100, to commence on May 2, 2022, and continuing for a period not to exceed 12 months. Such period shall not include any time periods when the supervising judge determines that the special purpose grand jury cannot meet for safety or other reasons, or any time periods when normal court operations are suspended by order of the Supreme Court of Georgia or the Chief Judge of the Superior Court. The special purpose grand jury shall be authorized to investigate any and all facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to alleged violations of the laws of the State of Georgia, as set forth in the request of the District Attorney referenced herein above.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101(a), the Honorable Robert C. I. McBurney is hereby assigned to supervise and assist the special purpose grand jury, and shall charge said special purpose grand jury and receive its reports as provided by law.

This authorization shall include the investigation of any overt acts or predicate acts relating to the subject of the special purpose grand jury's investigative purpose. The special purpose grand jury, when making its presentments and reports, pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 15-12-71 and 15-12-101, may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit. Furthermore, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 15-12-83 shall apply.

This Court also notes that the appointment of a special purpose grand jury will permit the time, efforts, and attention of the regular grand jury(ies) impaneled in this Circuit to continue to be devoted to the consideration of the backlog of criminal matters that has accumulated as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of

the Superior Court of Fulton County

SO ORDERED, THIS 14

, 2022.

CHRISTOPHER S. BRASHER, CHIEF JUDGE

Superior Court of Fulton County

Atlanta Judicial Circuit

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### **Exhibit B**

# OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 136 PRYOR STREET SW, 3RD FLOOR ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

Fani T. Willis District Attorney

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The Honorable Christopher S. Brasher Chief Judge, Fulton County Superior Court Fulton County Courthouse 185 Central Avenue SW, Suite T-8905 Atlanta, Georgia 30303

January 20, 2022

Dear Chief Judge Brasher:

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DEPUTY CLERK SUPERIOR COURT
FULTON COUNTY, GA

I hope this letter finds you well and in good spirits. Please be advised that the District Attorney's Office has received information indicating a reasonable probability that the State of Georgia's administration of elections in 2020, including the State's election of the President of the United States, was subject to possible criminal disruptions. Our office has also learned that individuals associated with these disruptions have contacted other agencies empowered to investigate this matter, including the Georgia Secretary of State, the Georgia Attorney General, and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia, leaving this office as the sole agency with jurisdiction that is not a potential witness to conduct related to the matter. As a result, our office has opened an investigation into any coordinated attempts to unlawfully alter the outcome of the 2020 elections in this state.

We have made efforts to interview multiple witnesses and gather evidence, and a significant number of witnesses and prospective witnesses have refused to cooperate with the investigation absent a subpoena requiring their testimony. By way of example, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, an essential witness to the investigation, has indicated that he will not participate in an interview or otherwise offer evidence until he is presented with a subpoena by my office. Please see Exhibit A, attached to this letter.

Therefore, I am hereby requesting, as the elected District Attorney for Fulton County, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-100 et. seq., that a special purpose grand jury be impaneled for the purpose of investigating the facts and circumstances relating directly or indirectly to possible attempts to disrupt the lawful administration of the 2020 elections in the State of Georgia. Specifically, a special purpose grand jury, which will not have the authority to return an indictment but may make recommendations concerning criminal prosecution as it shall see fit, is needed for three reasons: first, a special purpose grand jury can be impaneled by the Court for any time period required in order to accomplish its investigation, which will likely exceed a normal grand jury

term; second, the special purpose grand jury would be empowered to review this matter and this matter only, with an investigatory focus appropriate to the complexity of the facts and circumstances involved; and third, the sitting grand jury would not be required to attempt to address this matter in addition to their normal duties.

Additionally, I am requesting that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-12-101, a Fulton County Superior Court Judge be assigned to assist and supervise the special purpose grand jury in carrying out its investigation and duties.

I have attached a proposed order impaneling the special purpose grand jury for the consideration of the Court.

Respectfully

District Attorney, Atlanta Judicial Circuit

Exhibit A: Transcript of October 31, 2021 episode of Meet the Press on NBC News at 26:04

(video archived at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B71cBRPgt9k)

Exhibit B: Proposed Order

cc:

The Honorable Kimberly M. Esmond Adams

The Honorable Jane C. Barwick

The Honorable Rachelle Carnesdale

The Honorable Thomas A. Cox, Jr.

The Honorable Eric Dunaway

The Honorable Charles M. Eaton, Jr.

The Honorable Belinda E. Edwards

The Honorable Kelly Lee Ellerbe

The Honorable Kevin M. Farmer

The Honorable Ural Glanville

The Honorable Shakura L. Ingram

The Honorable Rachel R. Krause

The Honorable Melynee Leftridge

The Honorable Robert C.I. McBurney

The Honorable Henry M. Newkirk

The Honorable Emily K. Richardson

The Honorable Craig L. Schwall, Sr.

The Honorable Paige Reese Whitaker

The Honorable Shermela J. Williams

Fulton County Clerk of Superior Court Cathelene "Tina" Robinson